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GAME OPENING: Our next game will be "Balkan Wars III," a scenario set in the Balkans circa 1910. There are no neutral Supply Centers - just the 21 Home ones, so there should be lots of stabbing. Sign up now, but the game won't start until one of the current games ends. We can also use more Standbys in both the TURN ABOUT and VACATION DIP III games.

This issue contains reports on ZEUS V-F (1984A gf11), VACATION DIP III (1985R rm39) and TURNABOUT (1986C ca02).

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WITH SUMMER HERE, everyone takes vacations, including your Editor. That's why we're having longer than usual deadlines between issues. Years ago, there was a proposal made that all publishers take a "holiday" in August, but the consensus was that it would be better if each publisher set his own pace, since we don't all go away in August. We were away in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg, Va. for eight days near the end of June. Then, we went to New York for four days over "Liberty Weekend" to attend the Mensa Convention. We knew we'd need time to recover from the latter, which is why we set the current Deadline for July 14th.

There'll be a 5-week deadline to August 20th for the next moves. There's no use trying for an earlier deadline, as we'll be gone again for most of the month of September. You're going to have to settle for a September 30th deadline at that time, so we decided to make the deadlines between August and September as short as possible.

We have a batch of material on hand, so we'll see how many of them we have the space to print. One thing you'll find is an Avalon Hill ad. This is the first time we've ever run a commercial ad in BUSH. However, this one is wacky enough to appeal to our warped mind. For printing this, A-H will send us some Award Certificates, which we can pass on to the winners of our various games and contests! So, read and enjoy.

SPACE NEWS ROUNDUP

ASTEROID 3129 named for Chesley Bonestell. The Planetary Society held a contest to select a name for this asteroid, which had been "donated" to the Society by its discoverer, Eleanor Helin of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The winning name is to honor the dean of astronomical painters, Chesley Bonestell, who is still living and painting at the age of 98. His illustrations for Willy Ley's classical book, The Conquest of Space (1949), are considered by many to have been the spark that started interest in space travel in the general population beyond the borders of SF fandom. Some of his paintings are on permanent display at the Air and Space Museum of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

Bonestell responded by saying he was glad the rules didn't require one to be dead to have an asteroid named after you, as would be the case with a moon crater and most other astronomical objects. (I presume if you live to be 90 you're eligible, since most life insurance policies terminate at 89). The original designator for Asteroid 3129, by the way, was 1979MK2, which sounds like a certain game we all know.

SEVEN OTHER RECENTLY DISCOVERED ASTEROIDS have now been officially named for the crew members of the Challenger. These are asteroids which had been discovered at the Lowell Observatory in Arizona, between 1980 and March 1984, using the same 13" telescope which was used to discover Pluto in 1930. There is usually quite a time lag between an asteroid's discovery and its official naming, with the discoverer having the final say-so on its name. In the beginning, the minor planets were all given classical names, but they ran out of such names years ago.

The new official names are: 3350 - Scobee, 3351 - Smith, 3352 - McAuliffe, 3353 - Jarvis, 3354 - McNair, 3355 - Onizuka, and 3356 - Resnik. All are main belt objects except McAuliffe, which is an "Apollo" type, meaning it comes close to Earth's orbit every 7 or 8 years.

THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MAY "USURP" most of the Shuttle payloads between 1987 and 1989 for their own purposes. The current Administration obviously places a higher value on bashing Commies than scientific research. While the Hubble Space Telescope remains safe, the fate of two extremely important probes, Galileo to Jupiter and Ulysses to study Sol's polar regions, are now in doubt. These were to be the first interplanetary probes launched by the United States since 1976. They are both powered by nuclear generators which have already been powered up. A two-year delay in their launching may cause the isotopes in the power supply to run "dry" before the ends of their missions. Why not refuel them? Well, gentlemen, that would be expensive, and we have a little thing called Gramm-Rudman which prevents us from spending the money... so, they may not get launched at all. Won't there be screams of indignation when all these discoveries are made by Russia, Japan and the European Space Agency? Let's face it, under Ronald Reagan America isn't even going to be No. Two in the space race.

COMPUTER PROCESSED IMAGE of the star Beta Pictoris shows a disc of gas orbiting the star out to at least a distance of 400 Astronomical Units. By comparison, Pluto is only 50 AU's from our Sun. Beta Pictoris, about 50 light years from Sol, is a comparatively new star, only a few hundred million years old, so it's possible that what we are seeing is a scenario in which the gas and dust has not yet settled down and formed a solar system. In any case, this is good hard evidence that such clouds circle other stars. Similar gas/dust clouds have been found surrounding Vega and Formalhaut. Still better evidence of other planetary systems will become available once the Hubble Space Telescope is launched. Unfortunately, this now appears to have been delayed for at least one year from the original October 1986 launch date by the Challenger disaster.

A POTPOURRI OF ITEMS

NORTH AMERICAN VARIANT BANK NEWS. I do have copies of the Draft Version of the 1986 Catalog available for sale, at \$3.00 each. I regret that I still don't have any nicely printed final versions available, but the information is identical in either form. Since I've been out of town so much, I haven't had time to get certain problems resolved.

I have received several new Diplomacy Variants from the Custodians of the U.K. and Dutch Variant Banks. If I can just get a few days to go through them, I should have a supplemental list of games to add to the main Catalog shortly. There is already a short supplement, but the next one will be much longer.

ATLANTICON '86 was held in Trenton, N.J., over the weekend of June 21st. Paul Kenny writes to say he attended. He reports there were only 35 players in the Diplomacy Tournament's First Round. Perhaps it was held too soon after MaryCon, since both Cons covered essentially the same geographic area.

FIRST CONTACT? The Gorilla Foundation has been communicating with two gorillas in their preserve near Woodside, California, using American Sign Language. Some of these episodes have been seen on TV and in the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, which ran that famous photo of Koko and her kitten, All Ball, on the cover of its January 1985 issue. It's tragic to learn that just as man is starting to learn how to contact these creatures, they are on the verge of being wiped out in the wild. It is estimated that there are only about 240 mountain gorilla left in the wild, all in one small area of Africa, and they will probably be extinct within 15 years. The local government either cannot or will not protect them from poachers. The zoo populations may be all that's left of this species by the year 2000. They appear to have the intelligence of three or four year-old humans, judging from the transcripts of their conversations. We seem to have done much better in gorilla communication than in our efforts to talk to dolphins.

One of the truly amazing things the investigators have learned is that gorillas are aware of their own mortality. It has always been said that no animal knew of death until the moment of its own dying. They have also created new signs, such as "water-bird," which was Koko's invention when she saw a flamingo. It would seem that the xenobiologists ought to get into this program, if for no other reason that to learn how to contact aliens. How can we expect to talk with little green men if we can't even talk to our own primates?

If you want more information on how you can help, write to: The Gorilla Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20070-2025.

IT'S AN ILL WIND. One good thing came out of the recent folding of the Baltimore News-American. The Baltimore Sun picked up most of their comic strips. Now, once again, we can read the hobby's favorite strip, "Hagar the Horrible," as well as other old favorites like "Blondie" and "Prince Valiant." We always read the Sun, since it had much better news coverage than the Hearst paper, but we did miss "Hagar."

→ QUIZ ANSWER: What was so special about the 16th Bavarian Reserve Infantry Regiment? That was the unit in which Corporal Adolf Hitler served in World War I. There were no correct answers.

HOW DO YOU RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF NEUTRALS?

In my opinion, there is a hierarchy of Neutral Supply Centers, running from Belgium at the top to Tunis at the bottom, in their importance. However, if one were playing Italy Tunis would be a very important SC, while the Russian player might say that
(more)

Rumania was the most important dot to capture. So, instead of individual Centers, I've grouped most of them into clusters. My ratings are based on their long-term overall importance, rather than their importance to a single Power. Here is how I'd rate these groups: 1. Belgium/Holland, 2. Serbia/Greece, 3. Denmark/Norway/Sweden, 4. Spain/Portugal, 5. Bulgaria/Rumania (4 & 5 are tied), 6. Tunis.

Anyone care to comment?

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As our metal eyes wake
to absolute night,
where whispers fly
from the beginning of time,
we cup our ears to the heavens.
Avid, we are listening

On the volcanic lips of Flagstaff,
and in the fields beyond Boston,
in a great array that blooms
like coral from the desert floor,
on highwire webs patrolled
by computer spiders in Puerto Rico.

We are listening for a sound
beyond us, beyond sound

searching for a lighthouse
in the breakwaters of uncertainty,
an electronic murmur,
a bright, fragile, I am.

Small as tree frogs
staking out one end
of an endless swamp,
we are listening

through the longest night
we imagine, which dawns
between the life and times of stars.

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In mind gardens
and on real verandas
we are listening,
rapt among the persian lilacs
and the crickets,
while radio telescopes
roll their heads, as if in anguish.

With our scurrying minds
and our lidless will
and our lank, floppy bodies
and our galloping yens
and our deep, cosmic loneliness
and our starboard hearts
where love careens,
we are listening,
the small bipeds
with the giant dreams.

- Diane Ackerman

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HOBBY NEWS

There is now a third Novice Handbook available. This is called "A Word to the Wise," by Elmer Hinton. It was produced as issue #100 of KAISSA, in May 1985, but I did not get to read it until May of 1986. This is a 14,000 word article covering 21 pages of text in his zine. There are ten sections and two appendices. I find most of the article well written and interesting. (With the exceptions of the books written by Peery, Walker and Richard Sharp, it's probably the longest Diplomacy piece written by a single person). My only disagreement would be with Appendix B, in which Elmer states that the revised Convoy rules in the 1982 (sic) Rulebook, XII.4, 5, and 6, should be ignored by Postal GM's, since they make Diplomacy into a variant. Allan Calhamer gave an explanation of these new Rules at the 1986 DipCon which clarified how they should be interpreted. All that's necessary would be to have Calhamer's interpretation added as an Example to the 1982 (really 1983) Rulebook.

Copies of "A Word to the Wise" are still available from Elmer Hinton for \$3.00. Send your orders to him at: 20 Almont St., Washua, N.H. 03060.

THE NEW PUBLISHERS' HANDBOOK should be available from Bruce Linsey this month. Anybody planning to publish a zine should obtain a copy first. About 20 people have contributed articles to this compendium. Some are original, and a few are taken from back issues of DIPLOMACY WORLD and elsewhere. I think the price is \$3.00. Send your orders to Bruce at: 73 Ashuelot St., #3, Dalton, Mass. 01226.

FINAL SCORES AT DIPCON XIX/MARYCON '86

A total of 62 people participated in at least one official game at DipCon. Here are the scores of the Top Ten players:

1. Malcolm Smith	60.00 *	6. John Crosby	37.67
2. Marc Hurwitz	55.33 *	7. Fred Townsend	34.50
3. Howard Christie	51.67	8. Dave Lincoln	34.00
4. Bill Thompson	47.50	9. Mark Murray	31.00
5. Morgan Curley	41.00 *	10. James Wall	31.00

* = Includes a Rulebook Victory.

Tournament of Champions Winners- Dave Lincoln & Matt Kelley (2-way)
Best Austria - Mike Gonsalves (23) Best Italy - Malc Smith & Morgan Gurley
Best England - (not shown) Best Russia - Bill Thompson
Best France - James Wall Best Turkey - Marc Hurwitz
Best Germany - Steve Swigger (17)

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Thirty-five players participated in the Diplomacy Tournament run by John Boardman and Robert Sacks at ATLANTICON on June 21-22, 1986. The winner was Ian Campbell (28.353). BUSHWACKER player Paul Kenny came in second, with a score of 23.539.

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L'IMPERIALISME II-B, 1984H xm16

FINAL COMMENTS

ROBERT CHEEK (Germany): I think it would improve the game if each Power had only one African Supply Center, i.e. just one unit in Africa at the start of the game. Then, people would have to ally with each other, rather than ignoring what went on there.

GM: I regret that I did not receive a Winner's statement from Kevin Kozlowski. I think this is the first BUSHWACKER game where one was not received. Kevin has received his Winner's Certificate. Mark Keller wrote to say he was sorry the game had to end so suddenly and without universal agreement. I was disappointed, too, but I felt I had no choice here. No other end-game comments were received.

I believe the suggestion for limiting each Power to one starting unit in Africa, combined with a slight decrease in the total number of SC's, would make this a better game.

I have not tested this, but off the top of my head I'd say that Rhodesia, Sudan and Tunis would be the most likely candidates for demotion to ordinary spaces. This would reduce the total number of SC's to 50, and the V.C. to 26. Turkey would start with two Fleets instead of one. And I would keep my use of Iberia as the 7th Great Power instead of Russia, as we did in "II-B."

This modification would be "L'Imperialisme III." If anyone would care to make any further suggestions or modifications, please drop me a line. If I complete a revision of the map and rules, I'll let you know. Otherwise, that wraps it up for 1984H xm16. My thanks again to the players who slugged it out, and especially to two of the standby players, Mark Keller and Brad Wilson, who took over somewhat hopeless positions, but never said die.

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ATTENTION ALL PLAYERS: You are reminded that the designation of a unit must include whether it is an Army or Fleet. Merely naming its starting space is insufficient. I also wish you would show the moving unit first in your orders, followed by a list of the units supporting that move. Also, use a separate sheet of paper for each set of orders, please. Your press must be on the same page or pages with your orders for that game. This is your last warning.

ZEUS V-F, 1984A gf11

WINTER 1949

THREE-WAY DRAW DECLINED.

ADDRESS LIST: Ralph Baty (GERMANY) is remaining in Maryland until the end of August. At that time, he may be going to Germany for several months. Meanwhile, continue to send your letters to his Maryland address:

		<u>Current Strength</u>
CHINA (Rice):	No change	13 (-)
FRANCE (Brockmeier):	No room to build	5 (-), 4 units (will play 1 short)
GERMANY (Baty):	Build F Hamburg	11 (+1)
U.S.A. (Cheek):	Build F New York	13 (+1)

SPRING 1950

CHINESE WIN BATTLE OF STALINGRAD AND SLIP INTO GREECE WITH USA'S HELP. GERMANS OCCUPY ROME AND DENMARK, BUT LOSE LONDON.

CHINA (Rice): (13)	A Middle East-Greece. F East Med. (C) A Mid-East-Greece. F Libya (S) F East Med. A Iran-Turkey. F Indian Ocean-Middle East(sc). A Siberia-Stalingrad. A Kazakh (S) A Siberia-Stalin- grad. A Sinkiang-Siberia. A Amur (S) A Sinkiang-Siberia. <u>F Finland(nc)-Norway. F Leningrad-Okhotsk. A Okhotsk-Lenin- grad (illegal order). F Indochina-Canton.</u>
FRANCE (Brockmeier): (5)(4 units)	<u>F Stalingrad (H) /d/, Annihilated. F Paris (MS) F Low Countries. A Marseilles (S) F Paris.</u>
GERMANY (Baty): (11)	<u>F London (S) F North Sea /d/, Annihilated. F Eng Channel (S) F London. A Norway (H). F North Sea (S) A Norway. A Venice-Rome. A Yugoslavia-Greece. A Rumania (S) A Yugo-Greece. A Piedmont (S) FRENCH A Marseilles. A Moscow (S) FRENCH F Stalingrad. <u>A Baltic States-Leningrad. F Hamburg-Denmark.</u></u>
U.S.A. (Cheek): (13)	<u>F Edinburgh-London. A Western Britain (S) F Edi-London. F NAO- Edinburgh. F New York-North Atlantic. F Mid-Atlantic-English Channel. F Spain(nc)-Gibraltar. A Gascony-Marseilles. F West Arctic Ocean (S) CHINESE F Finland(nc)-Norway. F East Arctic (S) CHINESE F Leningrad(nc). (NSO). F Ionian & F Adriatic (S) CHINESE A Middle East-Greece. F Black Sea (S) CHINESE A Siberia- Stalingrad.</u>

PRESS:

USA to Germany and France: More than death and taxes is inevitable!

CHINA to Germany: You must communicate if you wish to share the win.

USA: If one tells the truth one is sooner or later found out.

DEADLINE for FALL 1950 is WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1986. Telephone deadline will be Tuesday, August 19th, at 9:00 p.m., Eastern Time.

VACATION DIP III, 1985R rm39FALL 1905

EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO TO DENMARK. ITALY TRIES TO HELP GERMANY, BUT THERE'S A BREAK-DOWN IN SIGNALS. AUSTRIA GIVES TURK THE "BOOT"-APEST. FRANCE IS FINISHED.

SPRING 1905 Revisited: The TURKISH move F Smyrna-Aegean Sea should have been underscored. Adjacent parties were notified by postcard.

GM'S NOTE: Players are reminded that Rule 5 provides that the game will end after the Winter 1912 adjustments, if it has not ended earlier, since we start running out of Event Cards by that time. 84 cards will have been dealt by Winter 1911, assuming there are still seven players in the game, out of the 100-odd we're using. I wouldn't want to see every card used in a game. It's the constant variation in which cards come up that make each game unique.

Rule 5 also provides that if the players unanimously agree to a continuation, it can continue. You may recall that before the game started, I asked everyone if you wanted to play beyond 1911 (the original ending date, before the rules were revised). Only one person replied, and his vote was "Yes." How about everybody sending in a vote with your Winter 1905 orders. "YES" = game should continue beyond W 12. "NO" = game should end in W 12. Also, let me have your opinion on whether we should reshuffle the deck at that point even if the "Reshuffle" card (#15) has not been played.

ENGLAND (Wallace): A/F MAO-North Africa. VF Western Med-Gulf of Lyon. F Irish Sea-MAO. F Eng Channel (S) F Irish Sea-MAO. F North Sea-Denmark.
(8) (9 units) A Sweden-Denmark. A Livonia (3) AUSTRIAN VF Gotland-Gulf of Bothnia. A St. Pete (S) GERMAN A Moscow. F Barents Sea-Norwegian Sea.

FRANCE (B. Wilson): A Marseilles-Spain /d/, (R) Burgundy (only space open).
(1) (1 unit)

GERMANY (Young): VF Calabria-Apulia (Impossible. Calabria does not touch Apulia.)
(7) (8 units) F Picardy-Belgium. F Kiel-Denmark. A Munich-Bohemia. A Prussia-Berlin. A Silesia (S) A Warsaw. A Warsaw (S) A Moscow. A Moscow (S) A Warsaw.

ITALY (Hoffman): F Spain(sc)-Marseilles. A Piedmont (S) F Spain-Marseilles. VA
(5) (6 units) Gascony-Paris. A Rome (S) A Venice. A Venice (S) GERMAN A Munich-Tyrol (NSO). F Naples (S) GERMAN VF Calabria-Tyrr. Sea (NSO).

AUSTRIA (Rice): VF Gotland-Gulf of Bothnia. VF Helgoland (H) (in C.D.). Plays
(6) (2 units). Card #12 to order TURKISH A Trieste-Budapest.

RUSSIA (Cheek): A Vienna-Bohemia. A Galicia (S) A Vienna-Bohemia. A Sev-Moscow.
(6) (7 units) A Ukraine (S) A Sev-Moscow. F Baltic Sea-Kiel. VF Portugal-Spain(nc). F Rumania-Black Sea.

TURKEY (Kenny): F Smyrna-Aegean. F Adriatic-Ionian. F Tyrr. Sea-Western Med.
(8) (8 units) VFTunis (S) F Tyrr. Sea-Western Med. A Trieste-Tyrol (moves
(Playing 1 short) Trieste-Budapest per Austrian play of Card #12). A Albania-Trieste. A Serbia (S) A Albania-Trieste. F Black Sea-Ankara.

PRESS:

TURKEY to GM: My Fleets are not yellow! There is not one coward in my navy!

BUSHWACKER: O.K., what color pins shall we use? I'm sure you don't want me to use white! I have some nice pink ones, and some rather crummy brown pins.

LONDON to Russia: "All who take the sword die by the sword." - Jesus

LONDON to Rome: I'm disappointed. See note to Russia. "Can we talk?" - Joan Rivers

GOTLAND to Rome: I hope you took advantage of this.

GOTLAND: Why can't everyone leave me alone? I was happy on vacation. But, since I'm called into battle, how about something more at home? (more)

RUSSIA to Germany: Who makes quick use of the moment is a genius of prudence.
RUSSIA: I am always at a loss to know how much of my own stories to believe.

LONDON to Con: Blue = Boldness, Black = Power, White = Purity, Red = Blood, Green = Peace. Yellow = The color speaks for itself.

LONDON to Berlin: Congratulations on your recent gains against the Tsar.

SUPPLY CENTER CHART, VACATION DIP III, WINTER 1905: GAINS, ~~LOSSES~~

AUSTRIA: (None)	0 (—), No change
ENGLAND: 3 Home, Denmark, Ireland, Norway, St. Pete, Sweden	8 (—), No change
FRANCE: PARIS	0 (-1), Remove 1
GERMANY: 3 Home, Belgium, Brest, Holland, Warsaw, MOSCOW	8 (+1), Build 1 (no room to build; will play 1 short)
ITALY: 3 Home, Marseilles, PARIS, SPAIN	5 (—), No change
RUSSIA: Sev, Rumania, Portugal, Vienna, SPAIN, MOSCOW , BUDAPEST	5 (-1), Remove 1
TURKEY: 3 Home, Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Trieste, Tunis, BUDAPEST	9 (+1), Build 2 (was 1 short)

Plus 2 Vacation Units for Austria, and 1 ea. for all others except France.

GM's Comments: France, like Austria, is not out of the game. A new French Vacation Unit could be created by the play of Cards #34, 39, 39A, 76 or 83. Also, France can play any cards dealt to him each year. The only requirement is that the Frenchman drop me a postcard each season, whether or not he plays a card, to let me know he is "alive." Same will apply to anyone else in the same boat.

Event Cards #8, 12, 36, 57, 70 and 74 were played this year.

Players: Your next Event Card is: #_____

DEADLINE for WINTER 1905 Adjustments and your Votes/comments is WEDNESDAY, August 20, 1986. Phone deadline is Tuesday, August 19th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. We have to have a separate season, since who knows what cards may have been dealt?

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TURNABOUT DIP - 1986C ca02

WINTER 1901

MUNITIONS FACTORIES AND SHIPYARDS WORK OVERTIME. 9 FLEETS, 5 ARMIES RAISED.

David Anderson has left the game. The new #1 Standby is: Tony Dousette, 525 Clearwood Dr., Richardson, Texas 75081. We badly need more standbys, as Tony is the only one left. Anyone?

	<u>Current Strength</u>
BALKANS (Brockmeier): Build F Athens, A Belgrade, A Sofia	6 (+3)
BENELUX (R. Brown): Build F Amsterdam, A Brussels	5 (+2)
IRELAND (Wallace): Build F Cork, F Dublin	5 (+2)
MIDDLE EAST (Stewart): Build F Alexandria, F Jerusalem(sc)	5 (+2)
SCANDINAVIA (Cheek): Build F Oslo	4 (+1)
SLAVS (Cruikshank): Build A Riga, A Warsaw	5 (+2)
SPAIN (Rice): Build F Barcelona, F Lisbon	5 (+2)

PRESS:

MADRID: Let's hear more on the Convention in Denver.

BUSHWACKER: I don't think it's related to the Geneva Convention. (more)

DUBLIN TIMES: The ferry from Belfast to Scotland has been temporarily on strike. Shuttles should resume soon.

This month's definition: A Strike... an effort to increase egg production by strangling the chicken.

BUSHWACKER: We'll grant equal time to a definition from a Union member, if you wish.

AMSTERDAM: It's so hard to know what to build when everyone wants to be friends. Guess I'll just have to equivocate... till we find out who's fibbing.

MAD DUTCHMAN to the Slippery Swede: Waiting, with bated breath, for an explanation.

SCANDINAVIA to Ireland: I never speak falsehood, but I do not tell the truth to everyone.

SCANDINAVIA to Slavs: The paths of glory at least lead to the grave, but the paths of duty may not get you anywhere!

DEADLINE for SPRING 1902 orders is WEDNESDAY, August 20, 1986. Telephone deadline is Tuesday, August 19th, at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time. I already have tentative orders on hand for Spring from Ireland, Slavs and Spain.

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WE HAD SEVERAL ARTICLES we would have liked to have published in this issue, including a "chart" you can use to calculate your lifespan, and another bit on comic strips. However, we're out of space. Maybe next month we can run an extra page to get 'em in.

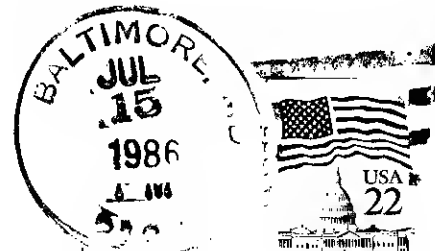
We had a good time at the Mensa National Convention in New York over the 4th of July weekend. There will be a report in DIPLOMAG, the Mensa DipSIG newsltr. If you'd like a copy, send me 50¢ or 25¢ and a SASE (business size). We are not going to be able to make it to PeeriCon, so we send our regrets to our friends in California.

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